

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to options for an increased fee structure to cover demolition work enforcement cost and public notification for demolition of structures.

Recommendations for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

1. FIND, that the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) does not apply to continuing administrative activities or organizational activities of government that will not result in specific direct or indirect physical changes in the environment, or to the creation of government funding mechanisms or other governmental fiscal activities that do not commit to any specific project that may result in potentially significant environmental impacts. Pub. Res. Code § 21065 and State CEQA Guideline §15378(b). This proposed ordinance merely establishes a public notification process that alerts affected persons whenever an individual applies for a demolition permit to demolish an older structure under existing permit procedures. On that basis, the proposed ordinance is not subject to CEQA.
2. PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE, dated October 15, 2014, to add Sections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2, 91.106.4.5.3, 91.106.4.5.4 and 91.106.4.5.5 to Article 1 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to add a public notification process for the demolition of older structures and adopt a fee to cover administrative costs.
3. NOT PRESENT and ORDER FILED the Ordinances, dated October 1, 2014 and July 28, 2014.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Attorney reports that a fee of \$60.00 is introduced to cover increased administrative costs for the demolition of older buildings, as directed by the City Council in its May 20, 2014, budget resolution and based on the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety's fee study. The fee is in addition to preinspection fees set forth in Section 91.107.3.2 of the LAMC and will be used to fund the expansion of the City's demolition program. The fee reflected in the proposed draft ordinance should increase annual fee revenue by .08%, or \$95,000, if implemented for a full fiscal year. This change is not anticipated to have a significant impact on revenues, inasmuch as the anticipated increase in the revenue has already been projected in the FY 2014-2015 Budget.

Community Impact Statement: Yes

For
Hollywood United Neighborhood Council

Summary

At a regular meeting held on October 21, 2014, the Planning and Land Use Management Committee reports from the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and City Attorney and Ordinances relative to add Sections 91.106.4.5.1, 91.106.4.5.2, 91.106.4.5.3, 91.106.4.5.4 and 91.106.4.5.5 to Article 1 of Chapter IX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code to add a public notification process for the demolition of older structures and adopt a fee to cover administrative costs. Staff from the City Attorney's Office gave the Committee background information on the matter. After an opportunity for public comment, the Committee recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained

in the City Attorney report and adopt the Ordinance dated October 15, 2014 and to not present and order filed the Ordinances dated October 1, 2014 and July 28, 2014. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
HUIZAR:	YES
CEDILLO:	ABSENT
ENGLANDER:	YES

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